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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the last full paragraph of page 15 with the following, rewritten paragraph.

The resulting gate spacers are shown as gate spacers 32 in the cross section of Fig. [[7]] 8, wherein the layer 28 (Fig. 7) of hydrogen (or oxide or nitride) based plasma protection has effectively and functionally been integrated with the gate spacers and with the substrate 10.